

REMARKS

The Examiner's Action mailed on September 14, 2005, has been received and its contents carefully considered.

In this Amendment, Applicant has editorially amended the specification, and amended claims 2-4. Claim 1 has been canceled. Claims 2 and 4 are the independent claims, and claims 2-4 remain pending in the application. For at least the following reasons, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

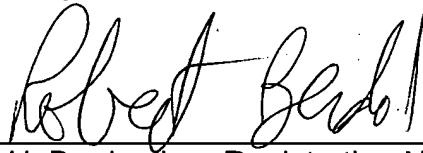
The Examiner has rejected the claims as being indefinite. In response, the claims have been thoroughly amended, to ensure that the claims comply with all official provisions. It is submitted that the claims are definite under the purview of 35 USC, section 112, second paragraph, and it is thus requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

It is noted with great appreciation that the Examiner considers the subject matter of claims 2-4 as being allowable over the art of record. In response, claims 2 and 4 have been amended into independent form by including therein the subject matter of base claim 1. Moreover, since claim 1 has been canceled, all of the Examiner's prior art rejections have been rendered moot. It is therefore submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Such action and the passing of this case to issue are requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a conference would help to expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Should any fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002, and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,



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